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SS MEN WITH JEWISH PASSPORTS

ZIONISTS PROCURE EMIGRATION PAPERS

The Zionists' Association in Austria write to the Jewish Community, Budapest:

"From our friends in Bad Ischl we received the copy of a newspaper article which was published in the Linzer Tagblatt (Paper of the working people in town and country) on 12 April of this year:

"SS men with Jewish passports. Zionists take bribes and procure emigration papers.

Six members of the former Cross and Arrow Movement (Hungarian National Socialists) lately tried to obtain the membership of the Jewish Community, and now the Budapest Police prevented a similar planned fraud on a large scale. They stated that Zionistic organisations took high bribes and made preparations for sending former SS soldiers and Hungarian Cross and Arrow party members (Pfeilkreuzler) to Germany, in order to make it possible there to ship them overseas. A train, carrying 'Zionistic emigrants', left the Budapest South Station and was held for examination by the Hungarian Police not very far from the Hungarian capital. The officials stated that there were only very few Zionistic passengers, all the others were members of the former Cross and Arrow Movement (Pfeilkreuzlerbewegung) or of the German Military SS. The personnel of the train, the accompanying personnel and 17 travellers were arrested."

We would like to oppose this article, but we are not sure if this article is based on true facts and we would also like to know what is going on in Budapest."

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ORIGINAL GERMAN:

"Wir erhielten von unseren Freunden aus Bad Ischl die Wiedergabe eines Zeitungsartikels, welcher im Linzer Tagblatt (Zeitung des schaffenden Volkes in Stadt und Land) am 12. April d.J. erschienen ist:

"SS Maenner mit Judenpaessen. Zionisten besorgen fuer Bestechungsgelder Auswandererpapiere.

Unlaengst wollten sich in Budapest sechs Mitglieder der ehemaligen Pfeilkreuzlerpartei in die juedische Kultusgemeinde aufnehmen lassen. Nun wurde von der Budapester Polizei ein aehnlicher grossangelegter Schwindel verhindert. Es wurde festgestellt, dass zionistische Organisationen nach Zahlung hoher Bestechungsgelder ehemalige SS-Soldaten und ungarische Pfeilkreuzler nach Deutschland transportieren wollten, um ihnen von dort aus die Weiterreise nach Uebersee zu ermoeeglichen. Ein vom Suedbahnhof in Budapest abgegangener Zug mit "Zionistischen Auswandern" wurde unweit der Hauptstadt von Beamten der ungarischen Polizei angehalten und durchsucht. Die Beamten stellten fest, dass sich unter den 232 Reisenden nur wenige Zionisten befanden, waehrend die uebrigen Personen Mitglieder der ehemaligen Pfeilkreuzlerpartei oder der deutschen Waffen SS waren. Das Personal des Zuges, die Transportbegleiter, sowie 17 Reisende wurden verhaftet."

Wir moechten gerne gegen diesen Artikel Stellung nehmen, wissen aber nicht, ob diese Notiz auf Wahrheit beruht, oder was sich sonst in Budapest ereignet hat."

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